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RE: β-Hydroxy-esters as Tobacco Flavorants
Related to PM 920 and 964 of Harvey Grubbs and
Yoram Houminer/Your D&O 79-26 and 80-2

Dear George:

Dr. Houminer and Mr. Grubbs have completed the experimental work on β-hydroxy-esters, and enclosed herein are additional examples for your consideration.

R_1 has been expanded from PM 920 application to include aromatic and aliphatic groups. Whether this subject matter should be made a Continuation-in-Part of PM 920 is something I would like you to consider. I should point out that foreign filing of PM 920 will occur on or about the priority date of 20 February with publication sometime in August or September.

Please consider the best approach for dealing with this new matter, and prepare an application accordingly. Both inventors stand ready to assist and answer any questions you may have.

A patent search is presently being conducted on our in-house data base, and if anything pertinent is located over and above that which we are aware of, I shall send it to you. I have enclosed a list of esters given in Leffingwell's frequently cited publication.

Please call at your convenience if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Hutcheson

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Enclosure
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